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PRESS CONFERENCE, 26 AUG 1974

1. DPRK UN PERM OBSERVER, AMB KWON MIN JUN, MET PRESS AT UN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION 26 AUG. HE READ A LONG STATEMENT (TRANSMITTED BELOW) DEMANDING END TO "OCCUPATION OF SOUTH KOREA BY US TROOPS" AND CHARGING THAT "US IMPERIALISM AND ITS POLICY OF AGGRESSION" RESPONSIBLE FOR LACK OF PROGRESS IN NORTH/SOUTH DEALOGUE. ALTHOUGH ASKED REPEATEDLY BY CORRESPONDENTS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF UNGA RECOMMENDED WITHDRAWAL OF UN FORCES AND US AND SOUTH KOREA REACH BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON STATIONING OF TROOPS, NORTH KOREAN AMB KWON AVOIDED DIRECT REPLY AND KEPT INSISTING THAT ALL FOREIGN TROOPS MUST LEAVE SOUTH KOREA IN ORDER TO ENABLE KOREANS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES THEIR OWN FUTURE.

2. AMB KWON DENIED THAT NORTH KOREA INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION OF MRS. PARK AND DISTRIBUTED AUG 19 STATEMENT OF KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY ON THIS SUBJECT.

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3. TEXT OF AMB KWON'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

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ON AUGUST 16, ALGERIA AND MORE THAN 30 OTHER COUNTRIES MADE A JOINT PROPOSAL TO INSCRIBE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 29TH SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEM UNDER THE TITLE OF "ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL THE FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS".

NOTING IN THE EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM ON THIS AGENDA ITEM THAT THE TERMINATION OF THE INTERFERENCE OF THE OUTSIDE FORCES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF KOREA AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL THE FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS THE KEY TO THE ACCELERATION OF THE INDEPEENDENT SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION, THEY DEMANDED THAT THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR SHOULD DISCUSS THIS QUESTION TO TAKE A CORRECT DECISION.

IT IS JUST PROPOSAL THAT REFLECTS THE UNANIMOUS DESIRE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE WHO ASPIRE AFTER THE INDEPENDENT, PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY.

THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE FULLY SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.

THE RESPECTED AND BELOVED LEADER PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG, HEAD OF STATE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SAID AS FOLLOWS:

"WE THINK THAT NOW THE U.N. SHOULD DEAL A BLOW TO THE UNITED STATES' MANOEUVRE TO JUSTIFY THE OCCUPATION OF SOUTH KOREA BY ITS TROOPS UNDER THE PRETEXT OF THE U.N. 'RES'."

THE QUESTION OF THE KOREAN REUNIFICATION IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND, NATURALLY, IT SHOULD BE SOLVED BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

HOWEVER, THE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY, THE CHERISHED DESIRE OF OUR NATION, HAS NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED TILL TODAY WHEN A QUARTER CENTURY HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY AND THE NATION.

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IT IS ENTIRELY DUE TO THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS WHO OCCUPY SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTRY AND PURSUE NATIONAL SPLIT POLICY.

ORIGINALLY, THE OCCUPATION OF SOUTH KOREA BY THE U.S. TROOPS IS A WANTON VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

AND SOVEREIGNTY AND ENTIRELY RUNS COUNTER TO THE OBJECTIVES AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE U.N. CHARTER THAT STIPULATE FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN OTHERS' INTERNAL AFFIARS. IT IS ALSO CONTRADICTORY TO THE NORTH-SOUTH JOINT STATEMENT THAT CONTAINS THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION AND GREAT NATIONAL UNITY AS ITS KEY-NOTES AND TO THE DECISION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR THAT SUPPORTED THESE PRINCIPLES.

AS IS WELL KNOWN TO YOU, THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR FULLY SUPPORTED THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL REUNIFICATION INDICATED IN THE NORTH-SOUTH JOINT STATEMENT, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH WOULD BE CONTINUED ON THESE PRINCIPLES AND TOOK A DECISION ON IMMEDIATE DISSOLUTION OF THE "UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA", A TOOL OF THE UNITED STATES FOR AGGRESSION AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE "U.N. FORCES" WHICH WAS BORN ON THE SAME GROUND AS THE "UNCURK" TO REMAIN IN SOUTH KOREA.

IF THE UNITED STATES WERE TRULY INTERESTED IN THE KOREAN REUNIFICATION AND PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA, IT SHOULD HAVE ALREADY WITHDRAWN ITS TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA.

NEVERTHELESS, THE UNITED STATES NOT ONLY REFUSES TO TERMINATE ITS MILITARY OCCUPATION OF SOUTH KOREA BUT ALSO FURTHER INTENSIFIES ITS MANOEUVRES OF DIVIDING KOREA AND PROVOKING A NEW WAR.

EVEN AFTER THE OPENING OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS CONTINUOUSLY BROUGHT INTO SOUTH KOREA WEAPONS AND COMBAT EQUIPMENT TO ACCELERATE THE SO-CALLED UNCLASSIFIED

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"PLAN FOR MODERNIZATION" OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PUPPET ARMY, SAYING THAT THE "DIALOGUE MUST BE BACKED WITH STRENGTH", THEREBY AGGRAVATING THE SITUATION TO THE EXTREME AND HAS EGGED THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES ONTO DIVISION AND CONFRONTATION WITH US.

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PRESS CONFERENCE, 26 AUG 1974

THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES, UNDER THE BACKING OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS, HAVE GONE THE LENGTH OF DECLARING IT THEIR POLICY TO PERPETRATE NATIONAL DIVISION AND ARE RUNNING WILD IN AN ATTEMPT TO BLCKOK THE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY AT ALL COSTS.

THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE ABANDONED THE NORTH-SOUTH JOINT STATEMENT LIKE A PAIR OF WORN-OUT SHOES FURTHER RESORT TO THEIR POLICY OF DEPENDING ON OUTSIDE FORCES, BEGGING FOR PERPETUAL OCCUPATION OF SOUTH KOREA BY THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION TROOPS, INSTEAD OF WORKING FOR INDEPENDENT REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY. THEY FURTHER INTENSIFY THE TENSION, CRYING OUT FOR "UNIFICATION BY PREVAILING OVER COMMUNISM", INSTEAD OF WORKING FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY. THEY CONTINUE TO HEAD ALONG THE ROAD OF CONFRONATION WITH US, WHILE COMMITTING WITHOUT HESITATION ATROCITIES OF SANGUINARY MASSACRE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE, INSTEAD OF PROMOTING GREAT NATIONAL UNITY.

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IN FACT, THE PAK JUNG HI CLIQUE HAS COMMITTED MALICIOUS ATROCITIES OF FASCIST REPRESSION EVEN AFTER THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR-- THEY HAVE ARRESTED, IMPRISONED AND MURDERED AT RANDOM NUMEROUS YOUTH AND STUDENTS, PATRIOTIC

DEMOCRATIC PERSONAGES AND EVEN RELIGIOUS PEOPLE FOR A "CRIME" OF DEMANDING INDEPENDENT, PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY WHICH CANNOT BE A CRIME.

WHAT IS MORE INTOLERABLE IS THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES ATTEMPT TO COVER UP THEIR TREACHEROUS ACTS AGAINST THE COUNTRY AND THE NATION WITH A SOPHISM OF THE SO-CALLED "THREAT FROM THE NORTH" WHICH DOES NOT EXIST AT ALL.

OF LATE ALONE, THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES, TALKING ABOUT THE SO-CALLED "CONNECTION BEHIND THE THE INCIDENT", TRY TO FABRICATE AS IF WE WERE CONNECTED WITH THE "INCIDENT OF SHOOTING" OF PAK JUNG HI WHICH OCCURRED ON AUG 15 AS A RESULT OF THEIR INTERNAL PROBLEMS. IT IS A VILE FARCE OF FABRICATION AND A SHAMELESS POLITICAL PLOT THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES USED TO RESORT WHENEVER THEY ARE FACED WITH A CRISIS.

IT IS NOT A SECRET TO THE WORLD THAT SUCH TREACHEROUS ACTS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES AGAINST THE COUNTRY AND THE NATION ARE COMMITTED UNDER THE PATRONAGE AND ORDER OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION TROOPS OCCUPYING SOUTH KOREA AND WITH THE BAYONETS PROVIDED BY THEM.

AS IS CLEAR FROM ALL THE FACTS, IT IS ENTIRELY DUE TO THE OCCUPATION OF SOUTH KOREA BY U.S. IMPERIALISM AND ITS POLICY OF AGGRESSION THAT TODAY THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH HAS FAILED TO PROGRESS SUCCESSFULLY, TENSION CONTINUES TO PERSIST AND THE FASCIST SUPPRESSION HAS BEEN FURTHER INTENSIFIED AGAINST THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE DAY BY DAY.

THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES THE OCCUPATION OF SOUTH KOREA BY ITS TROOPS MISUSING THE U.N. FLAG EVEN TODAY WHEN MORE THAN 20 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE REALIZATION OF ARMISTICE IN KOREA, IMPOSES THE MISFORTUNES OF NATIONAL DIVISION ON THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR A LONG TIME AND THREATENS PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA.

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UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, THE UNITED NATIONS MUST DIRECT DUE ATTENTION TO IT AND, ON A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY, SHOULD MAKE THE U.S. TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH KOREA AND TERMINATE THE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF KOREA.

WE MAINTAIN THAT THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR SHOULD DISCUSS THE PROPOSED RIGHTEOUS ITEM ON THE QUESTON ON KOREA AND TAKE MEASURES FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

IN THE MEAN TIME, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT, AT THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR, ALL THE PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WILL EXPRESS FULL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR THE LINE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY AND THE STRUGGLE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR ITS REALIZATION.UNQUOTE

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